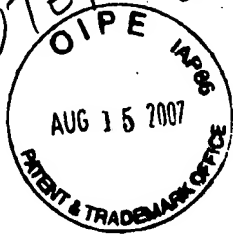


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Sir:

In the response to the second (Final) Office Action mailed 5
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Please amend the claims according to the following pages 2-6.